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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES ALAMOSA WATER SYSTEM FUNDING IN INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), member of the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, on Thursday announced that he has secured \$650,000 in State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for the City of Alamosa's water system in the FY 2006 Interior Appropriations bill.

"The City of Alamosa is facing a huge financial crisis as it tries to comply with the stringent new water quality standards that have recently been imposed by the EPA," Senator Allard said. "I've worked hard for more than a year to secure this funding so that we can reduce the burden on the city as they upgrade their water system."

The EPA recently lowered its acceptable contaminant levels for arsenic from 50 micrograms per liter to 10 micrograms per liter, and has set a deadline for compliance of January 2006. This change has forced the City of Alamosa to make expensive upgrades to its drinking water system to comply with the new rule.

"I will continue to my efforts in the Senate to make sure that rural communities like Alamosa receive the federal support that they need as they try to comply with federal water quality regulations, and I will be working hard to make sure that the Interior Appropriations bill will be approved by the full Senate as soon as possible," added Senator Allard.

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